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1. BEFORE GATHERING OF SEVERAL HUNDRED RVN AND NON-GVN DIGNITARIES AND OPPOSITIONISTS AT INDEPENDENCE PALACE, AT 1715 ON APRIL 28, TRAN VAN HUONG TURNED OVER HIS SEVEN DAY OLD PRESIDENCY TO DUONG VAN (BIG MINH). IN BRIEF ADDRESS, OUTGOING PRESIDENT HUONG DECLARED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT LEGALITY OF TRANSFERRING POWER BUT THROUGH CONSULTATION WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, LEGALITY OF GVN IS PRESERVED. CALLING FOR AN END TO ENMITY AND STATING THAT A MILITARY SOLUTION MUST GIVE WAY TO SETTLEMENT BASED ON MODERATION, HUONG CONCLUDED THAT GOVERNMENT BASED ON COOPERATION AND UNION WAS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF WAR.

2. ADDRESSING FORMER PRESIDENT HUONG AS "TEACHER", PRESIDENT MINH EMPHASIZED IN BRIEF STATEMENT THAT FOR LAST FEW YEARS HE HAD ADVOCATED POLICY OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AS ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE PEACE. MINH ALSO SAID BASIC CONDITION FOR PEACE WAS CARRYING OUT PARIS ACCORDS IN SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION. MINH INTRODUCED FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN HUYEN AS NEW VICE PRESIDENT, SENATOR VU VAN MAU AS PRIME MINISTER AND SAID OTHER MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN DAYS AHEAD.

3. CONTENDING THAT NEW GOVERNMENT MUST HAVE QUALIFIED PERSONALITIES REPRESENTING ALL POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS, MINH PREDICTED THAT DAYS AHEAD WOULD BE DIFFICULT. PROMISING TO DO HIS BEST TO STABILIZE ECONOMY AND GUARANTEE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL, PRESIDENT MINH CALLED UPON ALL POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS TO PUT ASIDE SPECIAL INTERESTS AND WORK TOGETHER FOR COMMON GOOD. HE SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT ALL IDEAS AND INITIATIVES FROM MEN OF GOOD WILL. MINH ALSO APPEALED TO COMBATANTS TO MAINTAIN RANKS AND ASKED OFFICIALS, CARES AND POLICE TO CONTINUE CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTY.

4. MINH APPEALED TO PRG TO WORK TOGETHER WITH GVN TO BRING ABOUT PEACE AND STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT  
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WOULD ACCEPT AID FROM ALL DONOR COUNTRIES PROVIDING NO STRINGS WERE ATTACHED. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGY PROVIDING THEY RESPECT SOVEREIGNTY OF RVN AND DO NOT INTERFERE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS. COMMENTING THAT SOME PEOPLE HAD BEEN LEAVING VIET NAM ON LAST FEW DAYS, PRESIDENT MINH CALLED UPON VIETNAMESE COMPATRIOTS OF GOOD WILL TO STAY IN FATHERLAND WITH TOMBS

AND ALTARS TO BUILD A NEW VIET NAM WHICH WOULD BE FREE,  
PROSPEROUS AND DEMOCRATIC. MINH CONCLUDED ADDRESS BY  
STATING THAT "WE WILL LIVE WITH EACH OTHER IN SPIRIT  
OF BROTHERHOOD.  
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